

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT DUMBARTON OAKS PARK

Whereas, Dumbarton Oaks Park is a 27-acre oasis in our backyard – a true hideaway from urban life tucked away in a valley east of Wisconsin Avenue, but for that very reason until recently too little known by the community which surrounds it; and

Whereas, the Park, located in neighboring Georgetown in the first historic district to be created in the United States, is just steps from Glover Park; and

Whereas, the Park was an integral part of one of the greatest achievements in American landscape history, created by America's first professional female landscape architect, Beatrix Farrand, during 1921-1940 and is a milestone not only in American landscape design but also in the history of women's rise towards professional equality in American society; and,

Whereas, the landscape Farrand created for the last private owners of the Dumbarton Oaks estate was divided in 1940 when the owners donated one-third of the property to Harvard University (now known as Dumbarton Oaks) and two-thirds to the National Park Service, which administers Dumbarton Oaks Park as a unit of Rock Creek Park; and,

Whereas, the National Park Service has not had sufficient resources to maintain the Park, and the Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy is one of many "friends of parks" organizations which have sprung up around the United States in recent years to mobilize private resources and volunteer efforts to "make up the shortfall" in federal resources in order to preserve and protect places which are beautiful, educational, and part of our nation's heritage; and,

Whereas, there is great and serious concern that the Park will be destroyed by invasive plants and deteriorate without intervention to control storm water;

Be it Resolved that ANC3B endorses and encourages public support of the efforts of the National Park Service and Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy to rescue and restore this landscape treasure for the long-term use and enjoyment of all its neighbors. This Resolution may be used to support grant requests from the National Park Service and/or Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy for the preservation and protection of Dumbarton Oaks Park.

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Brian A. Cohen, Chairman

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The resolution was **APPROVED** by a vote of **5 ayes and 0 nays** on **May 9, 2013**

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